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which are lodged hard seeds, surrounded by a thick fleshy substance, which, for the most part, is full of an acid juice. There are many varieties of this tree, and the fruit is yearly imported from Lisbon in great plenty. *Miller.*

LEMONA'DE. *n. f.* [from *lensn.*] Liquor made of water, sugar, and the juice of lemons.

Thou, and thy wife, and children, should walk in my gardens, buy toys, and drink lemonade. *Arbutn.* *J. Bull.*

TO LEND. *v. a.* [Lennan, Saxon; leenen, Dutch.]

1. To afford, on condition of repayment.

Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. *Lev. xxv. 37.*

They dare not give, and e'en refuse to lend, To their poor kindred, or a waiting friend. *Dryden.*

To suffer to be used on condition that it be restored.

In common worldly things 'tis call'd ungrateful

With dull unwillingness to pay a debt,

Which, with a bounteous hand, was kindly lent;

Much more to be thus opposite with heav'n. *Shakep.*

I'll lend it thee, my dear, but have no power to give it from me. *Shakep. All's well that ends well.*

The fair blessing we vouchsafe to lend;

Nor can we spare you long, though often we may lend. *Dryden to the Dutchess of Ormond.*

3. To afford; to grant in general.

Covetousness, like the sea, receives the tribute of all rivers, though far unlike it in lending any back again. *Decay of Piety.*

Painting and poetry are two sisters so like, that they lend to each other their name and office: one is called a dumb poetry, and the other a speaking picture. *Dryden's Discrepancy.*

From thy new hope, and from thy growing store,

Now lend assistance, and relieve the poor. *Dryden's Pers.*

Cato, lend me for a while thy patience,

'And condescend to hear a young man speak. *Addison.*

Wilt lend a hand to close thy mistress' eyes. *A. Phillips.*

LE'NDER. *n. f.* [from *lend.*]

1. One who lends anything.

2. One who makes a trade of putting money to interest.

Let the state be answered some small matter, and the rest left to the lender; if the abatement be but small, it will not discourage the lender: he that took before ten in the hundred, will sooner defend to eight than give over this trade. *Bacon's Essays.*

Whole droves of lenders crowd the bankers doors

To call in money. *Dryden's Spanish Friar.*

Interest would certainly encourage the lender to venture in such a time of danger. *Addison's Freeholder, N^o. 26.*

LENGTH. *n. f.* [from *leing*, Saxon.]

1. The extent of any thing material from end to end; the longest line that can be drawn through a body.

There is in Ticinum a church that is in length one hundred feet, in breadth twenty, and in height near fifty: it reporteth the voice twelve or thirteen times. *Bacon.*

2. Horizontal extension.

Mezentius rushes on his foes,

And first unhappy Acron overthrows;

Stretch'd at his length he turns the swarthy ground. *Dryd.*

3. A certain portion of space or time.

Large lengths of seas and shores

Between my father and my mother lay. *Shakep. K. John.*

To get from th' enemy, and Ralph, free;

Left danger, fears, and foes, behind,

And beat, at least three lengths, the wind. *Hudibras.*

'Time glides along with undiscover'd haste,

The future but a length beyond the past. *Dryden's Ovid.*

What length of lands, what oceans have you pass'd,

What storms sustain'd, and on what shores been cast? *Dryd.*

4. Extent of duration.

Having thus got the idea of duration, the next thing is to get some measure of this common duration, whereby to judge of its different lengths. *Locke.*

5. Long duration or protraction.

May heav'n, great monarch, still augment your bliss

With length of days, and every day like this. *Dryden.*

Such toil requir'd the Roman name,

Such length of labour for so vast a frame. *Dryden's En.*

In length of time it will cover the whole plain, and make one mountain with that on which it now stands. *Addison.*

6. Reach or expansion of any thing.

I do not recommend to all a pursuit of sciences, to those extensive lengths to which the moderns have advanced them. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind, p. i.*

7. Full extent; uncontracted state.

If Læticia, who sent me this account, will acquaint me with the worthy gentleman's name; I will insert it at length in one of my papers. *Addison's Spectator, N^o. 40.*

8. Distance.

He had marched to the length of Exeter, which he had some thought of besieging. *Clarendon, b. viii.*

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9. End; latter part of any assignable time.

Churches purged of things burdensome, all was brought at the length into that wherein now we stand. *Hesker, b. iv.*

A crooked stick is not straightened unless it be bent as far on the clear contrary side, that so it may settle itself at the length in a middle state of evenness between them both. *Hesker.*

10. At LENGTH. [It was formerly written at the length.] At last; in conclusion.

At length, at length, I have thee in my arms,

Though our malevolent stars have struggled hard,

And held us long asunder. *Dryden's King Arthur.*

TO LE'NGTHEN. *v. a.* [from *length.*]

1. To draw out; to make longer; to elongate.

Relaxing the fibres, is making them flexible, or easy to be lengthen'd without rupture. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*

Falling dew with spangles deck'd the glade,

And the low sun had lengthen'd e'erly shade. *Pope.*

2. To protract; to continue.

Break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. *Dan. iv. 27.*

Frame your mind to mirth and merriment,

Which bars a thousand harms, and lengthens life. *Shakep.*

It is in our power to secure to ourselves an interest in the divine mercies that are yet to come, and to lengthen the course of our present prosperity. *Atterbury's Sermon.*

3. To protract pronunciation.

The learned languages were less constrained in the quantity of every syllable, besides helps of grammatical figures for the lengthening or abbreviation of them. *Dryden.*

4. To LE'NGTHEN out. [The particle out is only emphatical.]

To protract; to extend.

What if I please to lengthen out his date

A day, and take a pride to cozen fate. *Dryden's Aur.*

I'd heard up every moment of my life,

To lengthen out the payment of my tears. *Dryden.*

It lengthens out every act of worship, and produces more lasting and permanent impressions in the mind, than those which accompany any transient form of words. *Addison.*

TO LE'NGTHEN v. n. To grow longer; to increase in length.

One may as well make a yard, whose parts lengthen and shrink, as a measure of trade in materials, that have not always a settled value. *Locke.*

Still 'tis farther from its end;

Still finds its error lengthen with its way. *Prior.*

LE'NGTHWISE. *adv.* [length and wise.] According to the length.

LE'NIENT. *adj.* [lenient, Latin.]

1. Affluative; softening; mitigating.

With study'd argument, and much persuasion sought,

Lenient of grief and anxious thought. *Milton's Agoniz.*

In this one passion man can strength enjoy;

Time, that on all things lays his lenient hand,

Yet tames not this; it flies to our last land. *Pope.*

2. Laxative; emollient.

Oils relax the fibres, are lenient, balsamick, and abate acrimony in the blood. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*

LE'NIENT. *n. f.* An emollient, or affluative application.

I dressed it with lenients. *Wifeman's Surgery.*

TO LE'NIIFY. *v. a.* [lenifier, old French; lenis, Latin.] To assuage; to mitigate.

It is used for squinancies and inflammations in the throat, whereby it seemeth to have a mollifying and lenifying virtue. *Bacon's Natural History, N^o. 554.*

All soft'ning simples, known of sov'reign use,

He presses out, and pours their noble juice;

These first infus'd, to lenify the pain,

Pe tugs with pinners, but he tugs in vain. *Dryden.*

LE'NITIVE. *adj.* [lenitif, Fr. lenis, Lat.] Affluative; emollient.

Some plants have a milk in them; the cause may be an inception of putrefaction: for those milks have all an acrimony, though one would think they should be lenitive. *Bacon.*

There is aliment lenitive expelling the feces without stimulating the bowels; such are animal oils. *Arbutnot.*

LE'NITIVE. *n. f.*

1. Any thing applied to ease pain.

2. A palliative.

There are lenitives that friendship will apply, before it would be brought to decreitory rigours. *South's Sermons.*

LE'NITY. *n. f.* [lenitas, Lat.] Mildness; mercy; tenderness; softness of temper.

Henry gives consent,

Of meer compassion, and of lenity, *Shakeppeare's Henry VI.*

To ease your country.

Lenity must gain

The mighty men, and please the discontent. *Daniel.*

Albeit so ample a pardon was proclaimed touching treason, yet could not the boldness be beaten down either with severity, or with lenity be abated. *Haywards.*

These jealousies

Have but one root, the old imprison'd king, *Whose*

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Whose lenity first pleas'd the gaping crowd:

But when long try'd, and found supremely good,

Like Æsop's log, they leapt upon his back. *Dryden.*

LENS. *n. f.*

A glass spherically convex on both sides, is usually called a lens; such as is a burning-glass, or spectacle-glass, or an object glass of a telescope. *Newton's Opticks.*

According to the difference of the lenses, I used various distances.

LENT. *part. pass.* from *lend.*

By Jove the stranger and the poor are sent,

And what to those we give, to Jove is lent. *Pope's Odyss.*

LENT. *n. f.* [Lenten, the spring, Saxon.] The quadragesimal fast; a time of abstinence.

Lent is from springing, because it falleth in the spring; for which our progenitors, the Germans, use glent. *Camden.*

LE'NTEN. *adj.* [from *lent.*] Such as is used in lent; sparing.

My lord, if you delight not in man, what lenten entertainment the players shall receive from you. *Shakep. Hamlet.*

She quench'd her fury at the flood,

And with a lenten fallad cool'd her blood.

Their commons, though but coarse, were nothing scant. *Dryden's Third and Penult.*

LE'NTICULAR. *adj.* [lenticulaire, French.] Doubly convex; of the form of a lens.

The crystalline humour is of a lenticular figure, convex on both sides. *Boyer on Creation.*

LENTIFORM. *adj.* [lens and forma, Latin.] Having the form of a lens.

LE'NTIGINOUS. *adj.* [from *lentigo.*] Scabby; furunculous.

LENTIGO. *n. f.* [Latin.] A treckly or lumpy eruption upon the skin; such especially as is common to women in child-bearing. *Quincy.*

LENTIL. *n. f.* [lent, Latin; lentille, French.]

It hath a papilionaceous flower, the point of which becomes a short pod, containing orbicular seeds, for the most part convex; the leaves are conjugated, growing to one midrib, and are terminated by tendrils. *Miller.*

The Philistines were gathered together, where was a piece of ground full of lentils. *2 Sam. xxiii. 11.*

LENTISCK. *n. f.* [lentiscus, Latin; lentisque, French.]

Lentisk wood is of a pale brown colour, almost whitish, resinous, of a fragrant smell and acid taste: it is the wood of the tree which produces the mastic, and is esteemed astringent and balsamick in medicine. *Hill's Mat. Medica.*

Lentisk is a beautiful evergreen, the mastic or gum of which is of use for the teeth or gums. *Aldrimmer's Husb.*

LENTITUDE. *n. f.* [from *lentus*, Latin.] Sluggishness; slowness. *Diſt.*

LE'NTNER. *n. f.* A kind of hawk.

I should enlarge my discourse to the observation of the haggard, and the two sorts of lentners. *Walton's Angler.*

LENTOR. *n. f.* [lentor, Latin; lentore, French.]

1. Tenacity; viscosity.

Some bodies have a kind of lentor, and more deposable nature than others. *Bacon.*

2. Slowness; delay.

The lentor of eruptions, not inflammatory, points to an acid cause. *Arbutnot on Diet.*

3. [In physics.] It expresses that fizy, viscid, coagulated part of the blood, which, in malignant fevers, obstructs the capillary vessels. *Quincy.*

LE'NTROUS. *adj.* [lentus, Latin.] Viscous; tenacious; capable to be drawn out.

In this spawn of a lentous and transparent body, are to be discerned many specks which become black, a substance more compact and testaceous than the other; for it riseth not in distillation. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. iii.*

LE'OD. *n. f.*

Lead signifies the people; or, rather, a nation, country, &c. Thus, leadgar is one of great interest with the people or nation. *Giljan's Camden.*

LE'OF. *n. f.*

Leof denotes love; so leofwin is a winner of love; leofstan, best beloved: like these Agapetus, Erasmus, Philo, Aman-dus, &c. *Giljan's Camden.*

LE'ONINE. *adj.* [leoninus, Latin.]

1. Belonging to a lion; having the nature of a lion.

2. Leonine verses are those of which the end rhymes to the middle, so named from Leo the inventor: ss,

Gl'ria fac'lorum temere conceditur hoj'm.

LE'OPARD. *n. f.* [leo and pardus, Latin.] A spotted beast of prey.

Sheep run not half so tim'rous from the wolf,

Or horse or oxen from the leopard,

As you fly from your oft-sus'd slaves. *Shakep. Hen. VI.*

A leopard is every way, in shape and actions, like a cat: his head, teeth, tongue, feet, claws, tail, all like a cat's: he boxes with his fore-feet, as a cat doth with her kittens; leaps at the prey, as a cat at a mouse; and will also spit much

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after the same manner: so that they seem to differ, just as a kite doth from an eagle. *Grew's Musæum.*

Before the king tame leopards led the way,

And troops of lions innocently play. *Dryden.*

LE'PER. *n. f.* [lepra, leprosus, Latin.] One infected with a leprosy.

I am no loathsome leper; look on me. *Shakeppeare.*

The leper in whom the plague is, his cloaths shall be rent. *Lev. xiii. 45.*

The number of their lepers was very great. *Hakevill.*

LE'PEROUS. *adj.* [Formed from *leprosus*, to make out a verse.]

Causing leprosy; infected with leprosy; leprous.

Upon my secure hour thy uncle stole,

With juice of curied hebenon in a viol,

And in the porches of mine ears did pour

The leperous distilment. *Shakeppeare's Hamlet.*

LE'PORINE. *adj.* [leporinus, Lat.] Belonging to a hare; having the nature of a hare.

LEPROSITY. *n. f.* [from *leprosus*.] Squamous disease.

If the crudities, impurities, and leprosities of metals were cured, they would become gold. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*

LEPROSY. *n. f.* [lepra, Latin; lepre, French.] A loathsome distemper, which covers the body with a kind of white scales. Itches, blains,

Sow all the Athenian bosoms, and their crop

Be general leprosy. *Shakep. Timon of Athens.*

It is a plague of leprosy. *Lev. xiii. 3.*

Between the malice of my enemies and other mens mis-takes, I put as great a difference as between the itch of novelty and the leprosy of disloyalty. *King Charles.*

Authors, upon the first entrance of the pox, looked upon it so highly infectious, that they ran away from it as much as the Jews did from the leprosy. *Wifeman's Surgery.*

LE'TROUS. *adj.* [lepra, Latin; lepreux, French.] Infected with a leprosy.

The filly amorous sucks his death,

By drawing in a leprous harlot's breath. *Denne.*

LE'VE. *n. f.* [lepe, Saxon; leere, Dutch.] A lesson; lore; doctrine. This sense is still retained in Scotland.

The kid pitying his heaviness,

Asked the cause of his great distress;

And also who, and whence, that he were,

Though he that had well ycond his leve,

Thus melled his talk with many a teare. *Spenser.*

LE'VEY. [from *lere.*] A rating; a lecture. rustick word.

LESS. A negative or privative termination. [leay; Saxon; loos, Dutch.] Joined to a substantive, it implies the absence or privation of the thing expressed by that substantive: as, a witless man